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1. IN MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICER LATE DEC. 21 FOLLOWING
RETURN FROM MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN, MICHAEL DAVIES
ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

2. AFGHANISTAN: DAVIES AND JONES FOUND SOME RELUCTANCE
ON PART OF GOA TO MOVE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
PENDING FORMALIZATION OF OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TWO
AREAS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE (NANGARHAR/KUNAR AND BADAKHSHAN).
THEY MANAGED, HOWEVER TO PERSUADE DEPUTY MINISTER OF
PLANNING FEROUGH AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MAROFFI TO
AGREE THAT THEREWOULD BE NO GREAT OBJECTION TO TRYING TO
FIND FUNDING FROM IRAN OR ELSEWHERE FOR PART OF DEVELOPMENT
PLANNED FOR THOSE AREAS WHERE IT WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON
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REDUCTION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION PROVIDED IT UNDERSTOOD
THAT ANY FORWARD FUNDING WOULD DEPEND ON FITTING
OF PROJECTS INTO DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TWO AREAS WHEN
FINALIZED. ON THAT BASIS JONES AND DAVIES PULLED
TOGETHER VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES AMOUNTING
TO \$4 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS. (WHILE THEY NOT

COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH WAY THESE PROJECTS HAD BEEN WORKED UP BY FINNCONSULT TEAM IN BADAKHSHAN AREA, THEY WERE BEST AVAILABLE.)

3. IRAN: ARRIVAL IN TEHCED TO DECEMBER 17 TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI. DAVIES AND JONES MET DECEMBER 18 WITH IRANIAN NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SHAHANDEH (JUST APPOINTED BY MINISTER OF HEALTH WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR DRUG CONTROL BUT NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE HE BROKE ARM ON DECEMBER 17). SHAHANDEH WAS FORTHCOMING RE NEED FOR IRAN TO TAKE POSITIVE ROLE IN AREA. AT THEIR INSTIGATION SHAHANDEH REQUESTED REPORT ON WHAT THEY HAD DEVELOPED AND FORMULA UNDER WHICH IRAN COULD EARMARK CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC SUBJECT TO IRAN'S BEING SATISFIED AT ANY POINT THAT MONEY BEING SPEND IN WAY IRAN BELIEVED USEFUL AS WELL AS BENEFICIAL TO IRAN. DAVIES AND JONES PROVIDED EXPLANATORY NOTE AND FORMULA AND ALSO SUGGESTED SHAHANDEH MIGHT THINK ABOUT FIGURE, WHICH THEY SUGGESTED MIGHT BE \$5 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS.

4. IN CORDIAL MEETING WITH DAVIES AND JONES ON DECEMBER 20, AT WHICH OTHER ASPECTS OF DRUG PROBLEM DISCUSSED, SHAHANDEH EVIDENCED NO REACTION AGAINST FORMULA OR FIGURE. SHAHANDEH APPEARS TO BE KEY MAN IN NARCOTICS FIELD UNDER SALEH (FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH ELECTED TO INCB), WHO STILL APPEARS TO EXERCISE STRONG INFLUENCE ON IRAN'S DRUG CONTROG POLICY.

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AND JONES, IT MUST SO ADVISE GOI IN WRITING. DAVIES BELIEVES THIS LETTER MUST BE SENT BY JANUARY 7 IF IT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO GOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION AT FEBRUARY MEETING OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. COMMENT: DAVIES OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED RE POSSIBILITY OF ACTION BY UNFDAC IN ABSENCE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBEUS WHO NOT DUE BACK IN GENEVA UNTIL LATTER PART OF JANUARY. END COMMENT.

6. DAVIES ADVISES THAT IN ADDITION TO IRAN THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE SOME POSSIBILITY FOR FUNDING OF PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN BY UK, FINLAND, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN, LARGELY FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

1. FULL TEXT OF DAVIES REPORT BEING POUCHED TO IO/HDC BUCZACKI. MISSION WILL CABLE ANY OTHER RLEVANT COMMENTS AFTER HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY REPORT.

8. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT JONES WILL CALL ON AMBASSADOR
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